

any informal restrictions on movements of essential commodities as they not only lead to rise in prices and blackmoney but also create a psychology of scarcity. It was emphasised upon the state governments that the national economy is an organic entity, and coordinated action by both the Centre and State Governments is necessary in areas of agreed priorities.

AC-Band Satellite Uplink Earth Station

2674. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Electronics Limited has successfully developed and manufactured AC-Band Satellite uplink Earth Station;

(b) if so, the purpose for which this Earth Station is likely to be used;

(c) the cost of this uplink earth Station and its difference with the uplink Earth Station which was being imported earlier; and

(d) the details of the other items being manufactured and developed by the Bharat Electronics Limited?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Uplink (C-Band) is used for telecasting both national and regional network programme through satellite.

(c) Bharat electronics' (BE) price of this uplink station is Rs. 2.39 crores. the landed cost of a similar imported system would be around Rs. 3 crores.

(d) BE manufactures a large number of communication systems, radars broadcast-

ing equipments and electronic components amounting to a turnover of over Rs. 700 crores per annum. The items idigenously developed by BE include Basic Earth Station sub-systems like Upconverters, Down Converters, Low Noise Amplifiers, Video Modulators, Demodulators, Video & Audio Processing/Control Circuits, Steptrack systems, Online Monitoring Sub-systems etc.

Allocation of Funds to Orissa for Construction of Bridges

2675. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for implementing Road Development Programmes in Orissa under the Central Road Fund Scheme;

(b) whether the amount allocated to Orissa for the construction of bridges is not adequate to meet the requirements of the State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the government to enhance the allocation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). The funds under Central Road fund are released taking into account the total cost of Schemes approved in the State, total funds already released, requirement projected by State Government and availability of budget provision. Funds into the aggregate amount of Schemes sanctioned including bridges in Orissa have already been released. No release during 1991-92 is possible until technical sanction by the State government for one newly approved bridge work costing Rs.38.00 lakhs, is accorded.